

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An article comprising:

a storage medium comprising machine-readable instructions stored thereon to execute a discoverable home network transcoder server utilizing a Universal Plug and Play (UPnP) protocol to communicatively couple to a media server to receive media signals from the media server, to convert the media signals to a format compatible with more than one media renderers, to advertize availability of the converted media signals, and to transmit the converted signals to the more than one media renderers, wherein the media signals are converted by the discoverable home network transcoder server before the media signals are requested by any of the more than one media renderers in response to monitoring of the media server and transcoding of new content when the new content becomes available on the media server.

2. (Original) The article of claim 1 wherein the more than one media renderers comprise media renderers selected from the group consisting of a speaker, a video display, a video display/speaker combination, a flat panel monitor, a liquid crystal display screen, an audio speaker, a plasma screen television display, and a high definition television display.

3. (Original) The article of claim 1 wherein the discoverable home network transcoder server further comprises a transrating module.

4. (Original) The article of claim 1 wherein the discoverable home network transcoder server comprises a software module to execute on the media server.

5. (Original) The article of claim 4 wherein the software module further comprises a transrating module.

6-14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
incorporating a home network media renderer by a client of a home network, the client being a module in a web browser having a network application program that supports a first media file format for the home network media renderer;
encoding the home network media renderer in the first media file format to support media files of the first media file format;
converting a media file to a second media file format before receiving a request for the media file in response to monitoring of the media server and transcoding of new content when the new content becomes available on the media server;
advertizing availability of the media file in the second media format with the media server;

requesting from a media server with the network application program of the client the media file in the second media file format; and

recognizing with a discoverable home network transcoder server utilizing a Universal Plug and Play (UPnP) protocol that the media file is of the second media file format and converting the home network media renderer of the network application program to the second media file format prior to providing the media file to the web browser module of the client.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein the client comprises a graphical user interface to contact the media server.

17. (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein said incorporating the home network media renderer by the client comprises providing a list of available media renderers and selecting the home network media renderer from the list of available media renderers.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17 further comprising converting the selected home network media renderer to recognize the first media file format prior to passing the home network media renderer to the client.

19-20. (Canceled)